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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 28, 2006, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group I, i.e., Claims 1-25, for continued prosecution in the above-identified patent application. In response to the species restriction, applicants elect, without traverse, Species I, which is shown in FIGS. 1A-1H. Applicants observe that Claims 1-17 and 24 read on the elected species.

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